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001 General Information

001.01 Statutory Authority. Section 79-4105 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska (R.R.S.) provides that the State Board of Education, with the assistance of the State Department of Education, shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the administration and distribution of funds to contiguous school districts for reimbursement of costs of studies for the development and implementation of reorganization plans designed to enhance the educational opportunities to students and improve cost efficiency.

001.02 Scope and Application of this Chapter. This chapter provides the criteria to be used for the approval of reimbursement of the cost of reorganization study proposals by the State Board of Education.

002 Criteria for Approval of Reimbursement of the Cost of Studies for the Development and Implementation of Reorganization Plans

Pursuant to Section 79-4106, R.R.S., the following criteria shall be used to determine the approval for reimbursement of the cost of studies for development and implementation of plans for the reorganization of contiguous school districts:

002.01 Criteria for approval of the study proposals

002.01A Upon selection of the study consultant and approval of the State Board of Education of the study proposal and the consultant's study proposal, the participating school districts shall receive collectively one-fourth of the cost of the study, but not more than two thousand five hundred dollars.

002.01B To receive matching funds for reorganization studies, two or more contiguous school districts shall adopt by majority vote of the membership of each participating school board a study proposal and submit such proposal to the State Board of Education for approval.

002.01C Approval of the study proposal will be granted by the State Board of Education if the proposal includes the items listed in 002.01D.

002.01D The proposal shall include the study and analysis of:

1. Past and projected enrollment trends and other student demographic characteristics and special service needs.
2. School facilities.
3. Educational programs.

4. Student transportation systems and needs.
5. Financial resources available from local, state, and federal sources.
6. Personnel characteristics, capabilities, and assignments.
7. Such other considerations as the districts wish to include.

002.02 Criteria for the approval of the second phase of the funding

002.02A Upon approval of a reorganization plan by the boards and voters of the participating school districts, and upon approval by the State Board of Education, the participating school districts shall receive, collectively, an additional one-fourth of the cost of the study, but not more than two thousand five hundred dollars.

002.02B Approval of the reorganization plan will be granted by the State Board of Education if the plan is designed to enhance the educational opportunities for students and improve cost efficiency, and the final study report includes the items listed in 002.02C.

002.02C The final study report shall include:

1. An analysis of the data studies, findings, and recommendations.
2. A plan for the reorganization of the participating school districts.
3. A time line for the implementation of the plan.